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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

David R. Hall, et al.

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For: Link Module for a Downhole Drilling  
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Dear Sir:

This paper is a preliminary amendment filed in the above captioned Patent application. Entry and consideration of this preliminary amendment is respectfully requested.

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Please amend the above-identified application as follows: